

5th Street N. Y. Wed. 7th Apr.

My dear Mary -

I feel that I am now a letter, were it only to return with all warmth & sincerity, your & dear Mrs J's, kind greetings for the opening year - May every blessing attend you both, for very many succeeding seasons! Your letter has been constantly before me, but my health & spirits have both been so wretched, for the past fortnight, that I could not pluck up the necessary spirits to write to you - To-day I feel rather less forlorn, tho' in pain, & very far from well, & I therefore conclude to reply to your last -

The explanation about Hollingsworth & the paper you have now made so clear, that - I don't understand a word of it! but, ~~as for~~ having called your attention to the matter, since you still assert that the \$120. belongs to me, I pocket the remittance with a quiet conscience, & entire satisfaction - The labels, it seems, were drawn out by Mr. Lee - more shame for him - & certes, I do not consent to his having any more "Detours" for Mathematics, until he has some more definite idea of straight lines - I thank you for the labels returned - Yours I will take to Torrey to be included in some one of his packages - I have not seen the good Doctor, since I last wrote! & know not what can have become of him.

The Fendler papers were very welcome. They look quite handsome. It occurs to me to remind you that you promised to write to a certain Mr. — at Phila. to send me one of Nuttall's papers on the Gambrell plants, which I suspect you have forgotten. I do not wish you to incur any obligation in the matter, but I think you told me that they were for distribution amongst Botanists — *procurum pars parva sum!* I should also much like Nutt's Compos. papers, if any are left of them — please think of this —

If Silberman printed my paper (which I have no means of ascertaining) he has used me very scrupulously in not sending me a single impression of it — I want one for Bromfield & one for myself — & further I wish you to send one to Prof. Lind. to call his attention to the matter before he works up the Chenop. for D.C. It is really too bad, to study & write Pigeonism ("the very scavenging of botany") without pay, & not even thank you, in the way of a few waste sheets of the article!

"Did ye ever hear the like of it

A man to buy

A Mutton pie

And not to get a bite of it —"

Have you heard any thing more of Post Oaks, Books & Collec.^{ns} & what is to be done with them? Some Botant. books, are being sent out here by the Land. Booksellers, & sell cheap. Mother Sam. bought an uncut copy of Hook. Fl. Bor. Am. for \$22 &

Olney wrote me word that he bought one for \$20! The Prot. of Beechey's Voy.^{age} is selling now & then — the last brought \$14 — It will go lower by & bye. The boty of the "Silphium" is also selling. I know not the price, however! I should like both, if any thing in the California way ever tumbled into my mouth —

What of Chapin's herb? Has it arrived?

Send me an Boott's determination of Fendler's ~~Chen~~ Carices, when you get it — as ~~you~~ ^{it} will be long before you want it, yourself —

Do not forget to consult my "pattern-card" when you work up the Spading Scrophular.

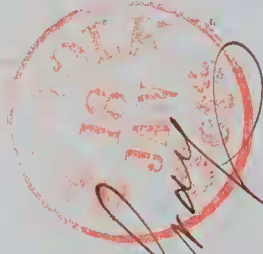
I suppose our mutual friend the B. F. has left you for Columbus, before this — I have not seen him, however; tho' he said he sh^d. call on his way thro N. Y. — Tell me how you like Wright, & what the prospects are of his associating with you, as Curator — Lastly, give my very best love to your dear little wife, & keep a reasonable share for yourself

Affly Yrs. C.

Kind Regards, & seasonable good wishes to Miss Eliza, if she is still with you —

Nicholas Depeyster (Sam's Brother-in-law) sailed last week for California — He goes merchandizing — not gold-digging direct — but indirect.

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Don't forget my self Newburyport to the
Care folks, in a short Newburyport Place -